PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2169, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

JULY 17, 1997.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mrs. Myrick, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 189]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 189, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2169, the "Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1998" under an open rule. The rule provides 1 hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (relating to the 3 day availability of the report), clause 7 of rule XXI (relating to the 3 day availability of printed hearings), and section 401(a) (prohibiting consideration of legislation containing contract authority not previously subject to appropriation) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill. The rule also waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill) and clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in a general appropriations bill) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill except as otherwise specified in the rule. Additionally, the rule provides that the amendments printed in section 2 of the resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to 5 minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a 15-minute vote.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

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